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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING  
*of the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
*and the*  
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 16, 1999

**1. Call to order.**

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chair Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:46 p.m. on December 16, 1999, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Los Angeles, California.

**2. Roll call of Conservancy.**

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jerome Daniel, Lindsey Kozberg, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: John Hisserich. The following members were absent: Steve Horn, Mary Nichols, Jeffrey Schwartz, and Michael Berger, Vice-Chairperson. Quorum present.

**3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.**

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Clare Marter Kenyon, Fran Pavley, Rick Putnam, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chairperson. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Linda Palmer. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, David Green, Patrick Hunter, Mark Johnson, Paul Rockenstein, Carolyn Van Horn, and George Lange, Vice-Chairperson. Quorum not present at roll call, present after item 5.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief of Legal and Real Estate Division; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Kathleen Bullard, Director of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for

Education, Interpretation and Operations; Reva Concoff, Chief of Special Projects; Walt Young, Chief Ranger; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration; Nancy Feinerman, Executive Secretary; and Stephanie Nevarez, Board Secretary.

**4. Reports.**

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

Comments were made by Ms. Pavley.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Janeen Parker, Chief of Education and Interpretation.

**5. Presentation regarding Streisand Center Coastal Commission application.**

Ms. Lethbridge delivered the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Kozberg and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Lethbridge, Ms. Pavley, the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Brown.

**6. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.**

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Russ Dingman, representing California State Parks and Recreation, on item 10.  
Carley Ward, member of the public, on item 7(c).

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Eric Edmunds, representing Save Our Mountains, Inc., on item 12.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown and the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chair and Mr. Edmunds.

**4. Reports**

The Conservancy received a Coastal Commission verbal report from John Hisserich.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

**7. Consent Calendar:**

- (a) Confirming Chairperson's appointment of Mr. Brad Rosenberg to represent the Conservancy on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution amending Wildlife Corridor and Conservation Authority Joint Powers Agreement to add a representative of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as an ex-officio member.**
- (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of approximately one acre (APNs 4412-010-026, 027, 028, and 029), Pacific Palisades.\***
- (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of support for nominations of new Los Angeles County Significant Ecological Areas including those submitted by the National Park Service, the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, and the Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority.**
- (e) Consideration of resolution to enter into an In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program agreement with the Los Angeles District Regulatory Branch of the Army Corps of Engineers and to assign partial responsibility to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.**

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 99-139, 99-140, 99-141, and 99-142.

*(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)*

- 8. Consideration of issues affecting the Mulholland Scenic Parkway between Encino Hills Drive and Saltillo Street ("Dirt Mulholland").**

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, the Chair, and Ms. Collins.

**9. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on storm water management.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Ms. Bullard presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Bullard.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Mr. Putnam, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-143.

**CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:**

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-143.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

**10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority take the following actions on properties in the Liberty Canyon wildlife corridor: (1) acquire APN 2063-008-020 with funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996; and (2) acquire APNs 2063-008-001, 003 and 021 on terms.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item and recommended a closed session.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and the Chair, and the item was continued in closed session.

**11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and**

**Conservation Authority approve the project plan for the Jaboneria-Shull riverfront park plan and bike connection for the City of Bell Gardens.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-145.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-145.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 12. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of all or a portion of the 239 acre Boeckmann Property, Mandeville Canyon, City of Los Angeles. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

Ms. Kozberg recused herself from consideration on this item.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown, Ms. Pavley, the Chair, and Mr. Hisserich.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Pavley, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-146.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-146. Ms. Kozberg was recorded as abstaining.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 13. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for trail development and restoration funds from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 under Section 3(c)(2)(FF)(xi) of the measure and granting of those funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation**

**Authority.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-147.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-147.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for remaining funds in Proposition A section 3(c)(2)(FF)(iv), earmarked for the acquisition and/or development of lands for park purposes near Eagle Rock, and authorize a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for those purposes.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-148.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-148.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Conservation Lands funds under the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program for the acquisition of properties in the Liberty Canyon-101 Freeway wildlife corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-149.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-149.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing application for Conservation Lands funds under the Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program for the acquisition of properties in the Santa Susana Mountains-Interstate 5 wildlife corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Kozberg.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-150.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-150.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 17. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A funds for the City of Paramount riverfront project.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-151.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-151.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 18. Consideration of resolution authorizing the application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Proposition A tree funds for augmentation of landscape improvements at Temescal Gateway Park and amending resolution 96-14. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Mr. Brown, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-152.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-152.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 19. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for funds from the State Coastal Conservancy and Proposition A for the W.W. Henry project, Maywood.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Pavley, Ms. Kozberg, and Mr. Hisserich.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Pavley, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Hisserich, the



Chair, Ms. Collins, and Mr. Begley.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-153.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-153.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 20. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for projects in the Arroyo Seco and Elysian Valley including a possible agreement for an Arroyo Seco/Elysian Valley design project.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-154.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-154.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 21. Consideration of resolution adopting the FY 1998/1999 Annual Report. [Coastal Zone Item]**

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, the Chair, and Ms. Kozberg.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Warner, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-155.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-155.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 22. Consideration of resolution authorizing: (1) a cost allocation plan for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for FY's 1993/1994 through 1999/2000, and (2) a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority necessary to implement the cost allocation plan.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by James Godsey, consultant.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Begley, Mr. Daniel and Mr. Hisserich.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Godsey.

The Executive Director comments about amendment to resolution.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-156 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Hisserich, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-156 as amended.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 23. Consideration of resolution adopting amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 1999/2000 budget.**

Ms. Luna presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Luna and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Saito, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-157.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Kozberg, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-157.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 24. Consideration of resolution proposing amendments to Sections 13 and 15 of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, and respectfully requesting that the Boards of Directors of the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District concur therein.**

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Collins, Ms. Pavley, Mr. Daniel, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Briner Schmidt, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-158.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-158.

*(The full text of this resolution is attached.)*

- 25. Discussion of, and possible action on, acquisition of W.W. Henry Property, City of Maywood, and letting of contract for professional legal services attendant thereto. *(This item may be heard in closed session pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A) of the Government Code.)***

The Chair announced that this item would be heard in closed session.

- 26. Legislation: Potential legislation regarding additional state appointment to the Conservancy.**

The Chair announced that this item would be heard in closed session.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Hisserich and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Pavley, and Mr. Brown.

**27. Minutes.**

The minutes of August 26, 1999 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of August 26, 1999 were approved as submitted.

- 28. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et.al.*; *Huebner v. State of California*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*; *Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et.al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et.al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.**

The Chair called a closed session at 9:58 p.m. pursuant to Section 11126 *et seq.* of the Government Code to discuss item 10, item 25, and *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*.

The Chair reconvened the open session at 10:41 p.m. and announced that item 10 was discussed, the Executive Director was authorized to sign the conflict letter, instructions were given to negotiators and retention of counsel was authorized for item 25, and staff gave a report on *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*,

Comments were made by Ms. Collins.

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Comments were made by Ms. Pavley recommending additional amendments to Liberty Canyon resolution item 10.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 99-144 as amended.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 99-144 as amended.

**27. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.**

The Executive Director made comments about four new city council appointments to the Advisory Committee.

**28. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 27, 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP  
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE  
Chairperson